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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

September 12 – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

September 18 – 7:00 AM Economic Development
Business Leaders Quarterly Mtg.

September 27 – 7:00 PM Parks and Rec Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK SAGES

SEPTEMBER 8, 4:00 PM, PICNIC AT THE GAZEBO (BRING A CHAIR)

HEALTH FAIR

SEPTEMBER 9, 10:00 AM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK HOA MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK CAREFREE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 26, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK PLUS (NAIC INVESTMENT STUDY)

SEPTEMBER 27, 7:00 PM, 3825 FAITH CHURCH ROAD

LAKE PARK YARD SALE (SPONSORED BY THE HOA)

OCTOBER 7, 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM

LAKE PARK FALL FESTIVAL (SPONSORED BY THE HOA)

OCTOBER 14, RACE, FAIR, AUCTION, CAR SHOW, & MORE

LAKE PARK TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

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Mack Currence Resigns

Council Member Resigns

Council member, Mack Currence has tendered a letter of resignation from Village Council due to health concerns. Mr. Currence was elected in the 2003 elections and has been a true asset to the Council and to the entire village of Lake Park, evidenced by his recognition as a Home Town Hero in 2006. Under his guidance, the Council greatly improved its fiscal procedures and budget management. His expertise enabled Lake Park to transition easily to the new budget standard mandated by the state of North Carolina. He brought new rigor to village insurance procedures and requirements, further protecting the village from potential loss.

Mr. Currence also focused his council duties on security issues as the primary liaison to the Sheriff's department. Most recently, he led a task force to study the most effective way to augment the security of the village. Because of the task force's findings, the council was able to make a more confident and informed decision on efforts to improve security for Lake Park.

The Lake Park Council would like to thank Mack for his years of service and the enormous contribution that he has made to Lake Park. We would like to wish him and his wife Virginia our thoughts, prayers, and best wishes.

National Night Out in Lake Park

By many accounts, a huge success

On August 1, many Lake Park residents and guests gathered in the park around the gazebo to celebrate and to learn about the law enforcement efforts within the Village. Those that attended were treated to free hamburgers and hot dogs, Quizno's subs, and other home baked goods. The crowd was also entertained by

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Growing in Lake Park

⇒ Three speakers are coming to Lake Park **Monday, September 18** for the next **Economic Development Workshop, 7am-9am**, in the Community Center.

Leaders agreed at the initial ED Workshop June 12 that making known what our schools, churches, and businesses offer, and arousing effective community response, is a topic of continuing interest to all.

⇒ All three guests who are experienced marketers, will give introductory presentations and discuss questions at the September 18 event: Jim Carpenter, President of the Union County Chamber of Commerce; Tyler Ford, Creative Director for Elevation Church; and Wade Little, Account Representative with *Carolina MoneySaver*. The workshop is a new opportunity for Lake Park business leaders to exchange ideas, to strengthen their network, and to involve Village Council. Lake Park's development leaders include:

Angie Heath, LC Social Worker

Cypress Homes *

Faith United Methodist Church

Fireside Coffee

Lake Park Cleaners

Li's Chinese Café

M&K Record Researchers

Miss DeeDee's After School

Lake Park Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Worldwide Insurance/Smart Choice Alliance

*Economic Development Commission Volunteers: Sherry Whitley, Mike Jones & Larry Brey.

ED Council Liaisons: Kendall Spence & Sandy Coughlin

Cornerstone Home Lending*

Elevation Church*

Family Hairloom

Lake Park Christian Academy

Lake Park Family Practice

Lucas Lawn & Landscape

The Mathisen Company

Quantum Security

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singers and a strolling magician while the kids were able to play in an inflatable obstacle course, try their hands at making a free throw, or dunking a police officer in a dunking booth.

Deputy Jason Miles, assigned to Lake Park, planned and organized the event; the first for Union County's Sheriff Department. Lake Park's event was the county's first participation in this nation-wide program. Deputy Miles invited and received support from area businesses and individuals to fund and volunteer at the event. Village Council contributed \$700 toward the event's costs as well. He was also able to attract a large representation from the Union County Sheriff's department including Sheriff Eddie Cathey and Chief Deputy Ben Bailey. In addition, the Hemby Bridge Volunteer fire department and Lake Park CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) were well represented.

The Council thanks Deputy Miles for all of the work that he did to make Lake Park's first National Night Out so successful. The event served Lake Park well in promoting awareness for the various emergency response teams for the village and the critical job they do to promote safety and security.

Security Report

For July 2006

In July, the Sheriff's office responded to a total of 67 calls within Lake Park which is down 20 from the 87 logged in June. The greatest number of calls (13) was for general disturbances and for alarms. Because these alarm calls are preventable with a properly functioning security system, the council is considering an ordinance that would institute a penalty for repeated false alarms. The other calls fielded within Lake Park include 11 traffic enforcement stops, seven general calls, and six reports of a suspicious person.

Upcoming Repairs in Village

The council is proceeding with needed repairs on several fronts within Lake Park. Road work will continue on several roads. Residents are reminded to keep their vehicles off of the road while the contractor works on the roads. In addition, the main gazebo will receive \$11,000 of repairs to replace rotting support columns and other woodwork damaged repeatedly by vandals. Additionally, the Parks and Rec Commission will be working to improve several of the village's playgrounds with a new layer of mulch and other safety enhancements.